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The Draft Upper Klamath River Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Resource Management Plan Amendments was mailed to you early this month. If you did not receive it, please contact Klamath Falls Resource Area Office (BLM) at 541-883-6916. The Draft Plan is also available on the following public access web site: www.or.blm.gov/Lakeview

The public comment period began on May 16, 2003 and will close on August 13, 2003.

Public meetings will be held to provide a general overview and then allow the public to get specific information on topics that most interest them. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- June 9, Klamath Falls, OR - Klamath County Fairgrounds Office Building, Conference Room B, (5:30pm to 8:30pm),
- June 10, Copco, CA - Copco Community Center, (6:30pm to 8:30pm), and
- June 11, Yreka, CA - Best Western Miners Inn Conference Center (5:30pm to 8:30pm)

If you have comments, please send them postmarked by August 13, 2003 to: Larry Frazier, Project Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Building 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97603, or via email (krmp@or.blm.gov) by the same date. All substantive comments will be fully considered and evaluated in the preparation of the Final Upper Klamath River Management Plan EIS. Please see the attached list for examples of questions that can lead to substantive comments. This will assure the Bureau of Land Management will have the best available information to make decisions.

Please note that comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have questions contact Larry Frazier, Project Leader

Sincerely,

Jon Raby, Acting Manager
Klamath Falls Resource Area

Commenting on The Draft Upper Klamath River Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The BLM has prepared the Draft EIS to disclose the potential effects of proposed actions for the upper Klamath River planning area. Our goal is to assure that the best available information is ultimately available to the deciding official with completion of a Final EIS. The BLM is soliciting information from the public to improve the Draft document and analysis. We solicit substantive comments that will improve the quality of the document. According to Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (Section 1503.3), “comments on an environmental impact statement or on a proposed action shall be as specific as possible and may address either the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed or both”.

Below are some questions you may want to consider during your review and comment on the document.

Does the Draft EIS:

- address the issues you think are most important?
- present an adequate range of alternatives?
- clearly and accurately disclose the potential effects of actions, or is there important information that is missing?

For the alternatives:

- Does the Preferred Alternative identified in the DEIS provide for an appropriate mix of resource uses and protection?
- Are there elements (actions) of the other alternatives that should be included in the Preferred Alternative?
- Are there elements of the Preferred Alternative that you think should be eliminated or changed?
- Do you have a different preferred alternative from the ones presented in the DEIS?
- Is there a mix of actions that you think should be designed into a new alternative?

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